



DUP

PATENT  
Attorney Docket No. 049923-5011

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Alan DONALDSON *et al.* )  
Application No.: 10/083,464 )  
Filed: February 27, 2002 )  
For: **HERMETICALLY SEALED** )  
**FIBER TAIL ASSEMBLY** )

Group Art Unit: 2874

Examiner: Unassigned

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

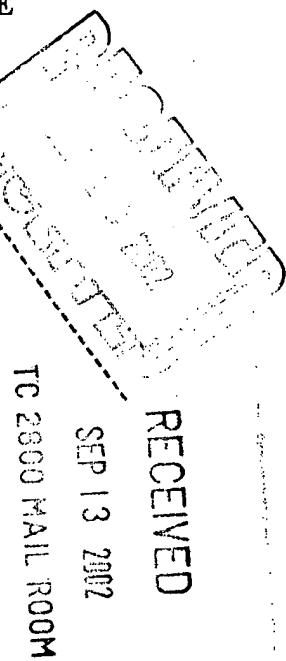
Sir:

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE**  
**STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of an Office Action on the merits.

Pursuant to MPEP § 609, Applicant attaches the above-referenced ISR, which includes an English-language explanation of the relevance of the above-referenced documents. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the ISR and references cited therein, and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO Form 1449.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If it should be determined that any of the listed documents do not



**BEST AVAILABLE COPY**

constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such document.

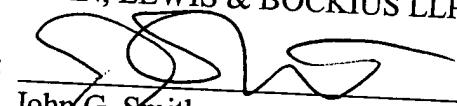
Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

**Except** for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

MORGAN, LEWIS & BOCKIUS LLP

By:



John G. Smith  
Reg. No. 33,818

Dated: September 12, 2002

**Customer No. 009629**  
MORGAN, LEWIS & BOCKIUS LLP  
1111 Pennsylvania Ave, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20004  
Telephone: 202-739-3000  
Facsimile: 202-739-3001

**BEST AVAILABLE COPY**